

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: April 8, 2013
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *FY 2013/14 Proposed Budget* - Please note these important dates regarding the proposed budget:
 - April 10, 2013, Budget Workshop, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
 - April 15, 2013, Budget Workshop, 6:30 PM, Library Program Room
 - April 18, 2013, Budget Workshop, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
 - April 22, 2013, Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
 - April 24, 2013, Adoption of Budget and Recommended Appropriations (if necessary), 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
 - May 2, 2013, Public Information Session on the Council's Adopted Budget, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers
 - May 14, 2013, Annual Town Meeting, 7:00 PM, Mansfield Middle School Auditorium

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center Construction Update* – Construction of One Royce Circle continues with the majority of work on the interior spaces, both the commercial spaces on the first floor and the residential units on the upper floors. Leasing of the apartments, part of The Oaks on the Square, is well underway. The construction of Wilbur Cross Way (formerly referred to as "Village Street") also continues. Work will resume on Storrs Road in the coming weeks as the weather improves; the remaining work includes paving and landscaping. Meanwhile, the businesses that are open in One, Nine and Eleven Dog Lane are enjoying the first hints of nice weather. Questions may be directed to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership (storrscenterinfo@mansfieldct.org or 860.429.2740). The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.

Departmental Reports

- *Fire & Emergency Services*
 - The Town is pleased to announce that the Mansfield Fire Department's Public Protection Classification (PPC) has improved to a Class 4/8B, effective on July 1, 2013. After several months of analysis, the ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) has completed its assessment of the structure fire suppression capabilities and delivery system provided by the Mansfield Fire Department. The ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing information about risk. The ISO has upgraded the fire department's PPC to a Class 4/8B. The Town receives a Split Classification (e.g. 4/8B) because certain properties are beyond 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The 8B Classification is a special classification that recognizes a superior level of fire protection in an otherwise Class 9 area (a Class 9 area is one with a lack of a water supply system). The PPC plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. Most U.S. insurers use PPC classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. In general, the price of fire insurance in a community with a good PPC is lower than in a community with a poor PPC, assuming all other factors are equal. The PPC also provides fire departments

with a valuable benchmark, and is used by many departments as an important tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

- The Connecticut State Firefighters Association has announced that Mansfield resident Alan Hawkins is one of the 2013 inductees into the Association's Hall of Fame. Mr. Hawkins is a past Fire Chief of the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Company and is currently Director of the Eastern Connecticut Fire School. This honor is bestowed on those individuals recognized for making a significant contribution to the advancement of the fire service in the State of Connecticut. In his position as Director of the Eastern State Fire School, Mr. Hawkins has been instrumental in advancing the need for facility and program improvements at the Fire School and at the other Regional Fire Schools throughout the state. Mr. Hawkins also served on the Mansfield Town Council from 2001 – 2007.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board, April 9, 2013, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, April 9, 2013, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Tomorrow Advisory Group, April 9, 2013, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Historic District Commission, April 9, 2013, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, April 10, 2013, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 10, 2013, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Playground Committee, April 11, 2013, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, April 12, 2013, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 15, 2013, 6:30 PM, Program Room, Public Library
- Planning & Zoning Commission, April 15, 2013, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Human Services Advisory Committee, April 17, 2013, 1:50 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Conservation Commission, April 17, 2013, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, April 18, 2013, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ethics Board, April 18, 2013, 4:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 18, 2013, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- **Special Town Council Meeting**, April 22, 2013, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, Monday, April 22, 2013, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*